



# TURNER TIMES



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## “It’s Your Time



The members of the Greater Turner Chapel Family and others joined in to show our appreciation to Rev. Ray Jackson and his family in April. We held an appreciation banquet at the Civic Center. All the

organizations of the church surprised Rev. Jackson with several wonderful gifts, and he was very appreciative. He was so overwhelmed by the gratitude shown from our members that his "allergies started acting up". This truly was his time. Since he's been here, our church has grown in ways we would have never imagined, and we have been able to accomplish more than we could have ever accomplished, and it was all thanks to Rev. Jackson. We can't truly thank him for all he's done for our church, but this banquet was our way of showing our appreciation for all he has done. The night was filled with wonderful expressions, an excellent dinner and service, and good music.



So the Greater Turner Chapel Family would like to let Rev. Jackson know that we truly appreciate him for all he has helped us to accomplish since being assigned to our church. He is not only our pastor, but he and his family our members of our family, and we would like to let you know, Rev. Jackson, that this truly is Your Time.

## “Golden Egg Found!”



The Greater Turner Chapel Family celebrated the rising of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST with many traditional events. The celebration kicked off with

Sunrise Service. It has been years since we've had a 6:00a.m. service, but many members came out to this event. Rev. Jackson preached a wonderful sermon. Later on in the day, we had our regular service in which the Y.P.D. put on the play, *"The Trial, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of JESUS"*. The youth depicted the capture of our LORD, HIS trial, HIS suffering on the cross for our sins, and HIS triumphant rise to power. The Y.P.D. did a marvelous job on their performance. After the play, Rev. Willis preached a power message. And after all the services were over, The Greater Turner Chapel Family held a traditional Easter egg hunt for the children and adults. Rev. Jackson hid both silver and gold eggs that held a nice little sum for the lucky person, or persons, who found them. The silver and gold eggs were found by brother and sister, Mr. Kelton Cockrell and Ms. Teresa Childress respectively. I'm sure they were extremely happy to have found them. And although this celebration was a joyous occasion, we can never forget what this day was truly about, and that is the Rise of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST. Amen!



## August Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrated a birthday in August*

## Upcoming Events

### August – 2011

- **Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - World Methodist Council – Durban, South Africa
- **Sun. Aug 14<sup>th</sup>**
  - Men and Women Day – Greater Turner Chapel – 10a.m.
  - Church Dedication – Chisholm A.M.E. – Summit, MS (Bishop preaching) – 3p.m.
- **Sun. Aug 21<sup>st</sup>**
  - Annual Usher Day – Greater Turner Chapel – 3p.m.
  - Church Anniversary – Mt. Olive A.M.E. – Slidell, LA (Bishop preaching) – 3p.m.
- **Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**
  - North MS Conference – Friendship A.M.E. Church – Clarksdale, MS

*Mr. Herman L. Anderson*



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WGRM - AM 1240*

*Monday - Friday  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.*



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**“Congrats to the Grads”**



The Greater Turner Chapel Family would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the May 2011 graduates. Ms. Naomi Sims graduated from Mississippi Valley State University, Ms. Concepcion Anderson graduated from Northwest Mississippi Community College, and Ms. Tiaira Hancock, Mr. Benjamin Sims, and Mr. D'George Shoddie graduated from Greenwood



High School. Naomi is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ray Jackson, and is an active member of the Youth Choir. Ms. Concepcion Anderson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Anderson. Ms. Tiaira Hancock is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Perkins and is an active member of the YPD. Mr. Benjamin Sims is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Ray Jackson, Asst. Superintendent of the Sunday School, Junior Usher Board Vice President, and Parliamentarian of the YPD. Mr. D'George Shoddie is the son of Mrs. Regina Shoddie-Burch and is the President of the YPD, Junior Usher Board President, the Guitarist for the Adult Choir, and Mr. Shoddie also received numerous scholarships on graduation night. Please join us in congratulating all of the May 2011 graduates of Greater Turner Chapel A.M.E. We wish you all well in your future endeavours!



**“Youth Day 2011”**



The Youth of Greater Turner Chapel held their Annual Youth Day program on May 29, 2011. The theme of the event was “Christian Youth Pressing Their Way to CHRIST

JESUS”. This Youth Day program was one of the best programs that we have had in years. We were blessed with awesome singing, and we had three dynamic speakers.



The speakers for this event were our recent high school graduates, Miss Tiaira Hancock, Mr. Benjamin Sims, and Mr. D'George Shoddie. Each speaker did not hold us long, but their messages were just as powerful, and it was something that all youth in this day and age needed to hear.



The Youth would like to thank all family members and friends who came out and celebrated this event with them, they would like to thank all of the visiting churches, and they would like to thank everyone who helped to put this program together. Without your participation and support, the program would not have been a success.

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**“Academic Achievements”**



Mr. Montizse Dillard has made the Honor Roll at Claudine Brown Elementary School for the year 2010 - 2011. Montizse is an active member of the YPD, and he is also a faithful

member of the Sunday School. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Montizse Dillard for his achievement.

**Bible Trivia**

*Answers to March's trivia questions*

1. The name Immanuel means GOD with us.
2. The Roman Procurator was Pontius Pilate.
3. The first two words of the Beatitudes are “Blessed are”.
4. Simon Peter Answered and said, “Thou art the Christ.”

*This month's trivia*

1. Who said “Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?”
2. Before he was a disciple, Matthew was a what?
3. Who wrote the book of Revelation?
4. Who was the only woman among the judges who ruled over Israel?

*These answers will be revealed in the next newsletter.*

**“Parent of the Year”**



The Greater Turner Chapel Family would like to take this opportunity to congratulate fellow family member Mrs. Lashon Brooks for becoming

Kathleen Bankston Elementary's Parent of the Year, the Greenwood Public School District's Parent of the Year, and the 2nd Congressional District's Parent of the Year for 2010 - 2011. This is a high honor for a parent, and Mrs. Brooks was blessed to receive it. Mrs. Brooks is an active member of the Adult Choir and an active member of the Neva B. Jackson Missionary Society. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Lashon Brooks for her great achievement.

**“Fun in the ‘Sun’-day School Convention”**



The 2011 Sunday School Convention was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Balls Temple. The Sunday School Conventions have always been filled with plenty of events, and this year was no exception. On the first day, the event kicked off with a traditional Sunday School session. Afterwards, there was a worship service. After the worship service, the members of Ball Temple treated everyone to a fine lunch during the lunch break. Once the festivities resumed, there were several workshops for members of all ages. There was something for the youths and the adults. After the workshops were over, the attendance trophy was presented, which this year, we received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in attendance, being beat out by only one person. Next, the youth were on parade.

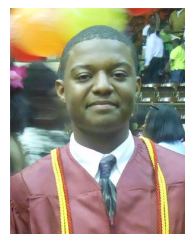


The youths of the various churches performed different talents. The Greater Turner Chapel youths sang a song, one that has become a favorite of Rev. Jackson, “How Great is Our GOD.” And this concluded the first day. Day two began with the Bible Bowl. We had several age groups to participate, and our youth won several ribbons. The competition was tough, and all the youth were well prepared. Our youths did a wonderful job, and we are proud of them. This year, a new event was added, the Bible Jeopardy competition for the high school graduates. Our own graduate, D’George Shoddie was the only graduate brave enough to sign up for this event, so he won by default. After the competitions,

there was a closing worship service, in which D’George was a speaker. D’George did a wonderful job in his delivery, and his message was powerful. The event closed out with the Greater Turner Chapel Family doing lunch. Rev. Jackson brought over his barbeque station, and his barbeque helped fill our bellies. This year’s Sunday School Convention was wonderful, packed with plenty of activities. The youth and members that participated enjoyed themselves, and they are looking forward to next year.



**“Academic Achievements!”**



In the month of March, Mr. Benjamin Sims received the Student of the Month award, was a scholarship recipient from the Retired Teachers Association, and he also received a Rotary Club award. Mr. Sims is the son of our own Rev. and Mrs. Jackson, is a recent high school graduate, and has recently joined our nation’s Army. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Benjamin Sims for his achievements.

**“Train Up a Child!”**

It is indeed a joyous day when new souls declare that they are ready to put on the full armor of GOD, and they are ready to join GOD’s army, and it is never too early to have children shielded in the love of GOD. The Greater Turner Chapel Family is proud to welcome the newest members into GOD’s Holy Army. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, Rev. Ray A. Jackson baptized five youths. We would like to welcome Marquavius Benford, Martavius Benford, Cashyla Benford, and Montrellis Walker into GOD’s Holy



Army. And once they are of age, the Greater Turner Chapel Family will willingly train them in the way of the LORD and teach them GOD’s Holy Word. We would also like to welcome Davida Shaw into the Army of GOD. Davida has been trained in the way of the LORD, and she has stepped out on faith and has declared that she is ready to put on the full armor of GOD. We know that the angels are celebrating in Heaven! Let the church say, AMEN!

**“Homecoming Celebration”**



The Greater Turner Chapel Family celebrated our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, and what a wonderful Homecoming Celebration it was. It was filled with

exquisite Praise Dancers, extravagant singers, and excellent reflections. Brother Alfred Hall was the M.C., and I don’t think there could have been a better choice. He helped to keep the program lively and in order. All of the participants who participated in this event also did a marvelous job. The Rev. Dr. Glenell M. Lee-Pruitt, pastor of Solomon Chapel A.M.E. Church in Cleveland, MS was the speaker for this event. Rev. Dr. Pruitt is known for being a dynamic speaker and she didn’t disappoint. Her message for this event was “GOD Wants to do a New Thing”. She has happy to speak to the Even Greater Turner Chapel Family, and she did an outstanding job as usual. We would like to thank Mrs. Barbara Gosa and Mrs. Gladys Flaggs for putting on such a wonderful program, and we would like to thank all family members, visitors and friends who came out to support our celebration. Without you, this program would not have been a success.

